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a report, as received, on the 19th  
Mechanized Division, the 72nd Mechanized Regiment, and miscellaneous  
items on troops in Poland in 1954-1955.

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POLANDMILITARY19th Mechanized Division & other  
Military Items.  
(1954/55)

1. 19th Mechanized Division belonged to SLASKI Military Region with HQ in WROCLAW, where Corps HQ was also located. The Division consisted of 11 units listed below, and had HQ in KOMOROW.

- (a) 72nd Mech. Regt (27-31) stationed in KOMOROW.
- (b) 73rd Mech. Regt (28-54) stationed in KOMOROW
- (c) Signals Battalion (Laznessi) stationed in KOMOROW
- (d) Regt of Heavy Artillery. Howitzers 122mm & 152mm. Stationed in KOMOROW.
- (e) 120th Arty Regt. - mortars - stationed in TORZYM
- (f) Tank Regt. - T. 34's - stationed in KOSTRZYN.
- (g) Regt of AA Artillery (31-36) stationed in GUBIN.
- (h) Sapper Battalion - stationed in KOMOROW
- (i) Div. HQ Battalion - stationed in KOMOROW
- (j) Chemical Warfare Battalion (unit) stationed in KOMOROW.
- (k) Reconnaissance Battalion (swiad) stationed in KOMOROW.

2. 72nd Mechanized Regiment (27-31) stationed in GUBIN: The regiment consisted of:

Artillery (dywizja) unit  
 Tank (dywizja) unit  
 Infantry battalion  
 N/O School  
 Signals Company  
 Reconnaissance Company  
 Sapper Company  
 Supply Company (gospodarska)  
 Platoon of Mechanical Warfare troops

C. in C of 72nd Regt was Major MYSELOWSKI (in 1955 he was transferred to KROSNO ODRZANSKIE as C.O. of an Infantry Regt and his place was taken by Major WITORZYM from who was transferred to 72nd Regt from 73rd Regt.

Chief of Staff - Capt LOZERT  
 Deputy Chief of Staff - Lt. MOSKAL  
 for political affairs  
 Political Section of - Lt. WALISIAK  
 Staff HQ

Deputy Chief of Staff for Uniform.....

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Deputy Chief of Staff for Uniform matters (spraw mundurowych) - Capt. CHAMLENIA, regular pre-war officer

Supplies (sprawy gospodarcze) - Capt ZAWADZKI

Deputy Chief of Staff for motor transport - Capt KOWALCZYK

Personnel Officer - Junior Lt. SZYLKOWSKI

Deputy Chief of Staff for Signals - Capt DYMIANCZUK fnu, a good radio engineer.

O.C. Artillery(Dywizjon) Unit - Major LEWINSKI Jerzy, aged approx 28, married, one child, living in GUBIN.

Chief of Staff - Capt ZALADZ Edward

O.C. Battery I - Jun.Lt. PERKOWSKI Sylwester, transferred to reserve; living at present in WARSAW with him were:-  
Jun.Lt. LEGODZINSKI Henryk  
Jun.Lt. GROMNIAK fnu

O.C. Battery II - 76mm - Lt. DUBIEL fnu

O.C. Battery III - 57mm - Lt. KUPRACZ, and with him were  
Jun.Lt. LEWANDOWSKI  
Jun.Lt. HUTNIK

O.C. Inf. Battalion - Major SZERMETA, degraded from Lt.Col. for drunkenness.

Chief of Staff - Lt. KOWALSKI fnu

O.C. II Coy. - Lt. NOWICKI

O.C. Battery of Mortars 82mm - Lt. ZACHARA

O.C. of the NCO School - Capt GWIKLA

O.C. Signals Coy. - Lt. WYSZYNSKI fnu

O.C. Reconnaissance Coy. - Jun.Lt. STUDNICKI

Each battery had three platoons - two of these were so-called fire platoons (ogniowe) and the third was auxiliary platoon. It consisted of 3 reconnaissance O.R. and an N.C.O., three telephone O.R. and an N.C.O. and 3 radio operators with an N.C.O.

3. Artillery Units of 19th Mechanized Div used to go to WIEGRZYN area for training and exercises - there was a training ground for artillery units from the entire division here.

#### 4. General:

- Brig./
- (a) O.C. of the SLASK Region in 1955 was/Gen. STEGA fnu, a Russian who could not speak any Polish.
  - (b) BYTOM: Voivodship Regional Command (Wojewodzka Komenda Rejonowa) in BYTOM is located in Ul. Hanki Sawickiej 12.
  - (c) TORZYM: NCO School for Reconnaissance Units, Signals (Radio & telephone) and for mortars is located here.

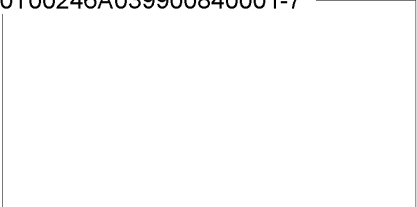
/(a)KOSTRZYN:.....

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- (d) KOSTRZYŃ: Regiment of tanks stationed here, also NCO School for tank units.
- (e) GLIWICE: In the area between GLIWICE and WOJTKA WIES Polish troops are stationed. These are 7 Mechanised Regt and Regt of AA Artillery.
- (f) BYTOM: In UL. OSWIEDOMSKA are located Divisional HQ. Number of division not known. Regt of AA Artillery also stationed here. In UL. Wroclawska there were barracks occupied by Labour Battalion. Another Labour battalion was quartered in UL. SIEMIANOWICKA.
5. Key to Sketch of Barracks Occupied by 72nd Mechanised Regt - GUBIN
1. HQ of the Regt, of the Signals Coy and Reconnaissance Coy. Here were also located offices of the independent motor transport coy. This company had its own well equipped workshop capable of carrying out major repairs to vehicles. The building was four storeys high. In the basement was located store room for timber and paints etc.
  2. Arty Unit (Dywizja) consisting of four batteries (1 battery - 120mm, 1 battery of 57mm and two batteries of 76mm ZIS). In this building was also quartered one company of sappers and one company of armourers (rusznikarzy). In the basement were stores for sappers equipment - pontoons, boats etc.
  3. Kitchen
  4. Battalion of Infantry (third or fourth) consisting of 3 Infantry companies, one heavy machine-gun coy and one coy of mortars 82mm.
  5. Kitchen of the AA units.
  6. AA Regiment (31-36)
  7. P.T. gymnasium
  8. NCO School - Platoon of Chemical warfare troops, military band, two rooms for training radio operators (morse)
  9. Tank garages - there were approx. 20 T-34s stationed in them.
  10. Equipment for tanks
  11. Armourers workshops
  12. Feed store
  13. M.I. room, radio station for contact with Div. HQ (Radio set RBM) There was an aerial stretched between 1 and 13.
  14. Exercise ground (plas alarmowy)
  15. Parade ground (plas alarmowy)
  16. Three underground bunkers for motor fuel
  17. Officers' Club
  18. Garages for cars and artillery pieces. Here were kept anti-tank guns 76 mm ZIS, and mortars 120mm and guns 57 mm.
  19. Repair workshops of the Independent Motor Transport Coy.
  - /20. Garages for cars.....

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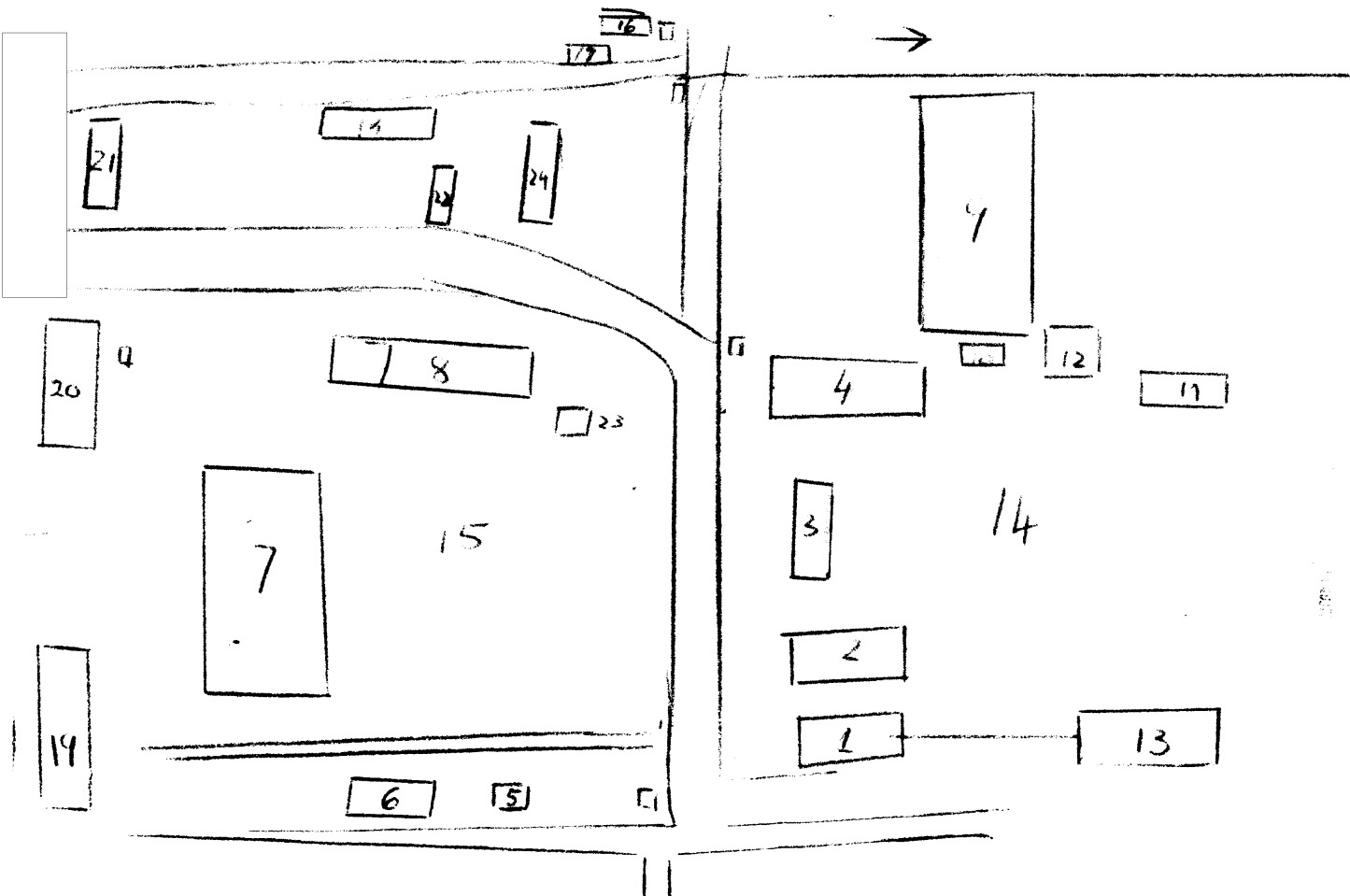
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20. Garages for cars and AA guns
  21. Ruins of garage type building
  22. Store for heavy calibre ammunition
  23. Small arms ammunition store room
  24. BA armed cars of the reconnaissance unit and cars of the HQ - mostly GAS.

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Squares denote guard points.

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